

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig 8a. Applicants amend formal Fig. 8a so that formal Fig. 8a is in accordance with original informal Fig. 8a prior to its formalization and further so that Fig. 8a is in accordance with the written description.

Attachment: Replacement sheet
 Annotated sheet showing changes

REMARKS

The issue fee in the present application is being paid concurrently. Applicants in the present amendment address a minor informality in the written description at paragraph [0063] so that the written description is in accordance with the remainder of the written description and the drawings. Applicants also amend formal Fig. 8a so that formal Fig. 8a is in accordance with original informal Fig. 8a prior to its formalization and further so that Fig. 8a is in accordance with the written description. The appropriateness of the amendments to paragraph [0063] and to Fig. 8a is clear in view of the context of the original disclosure.

In addition, while limitations of the written description are not to be read into the claims, the written description is reformatted by moving text from the summary to the detailed description in order to further emphasize that limitations of the written description are not to be read into the claims. Further, the abstract is amended so that it is in closer conformity with the broad subject matter being claimed.

The amendments processed herein were not presented earlier since the review yielding the determination that the amendments would be desirable was not completed prior to the close of prosecution. None of the amendments presented herein contain new matter.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicant's representative at the phone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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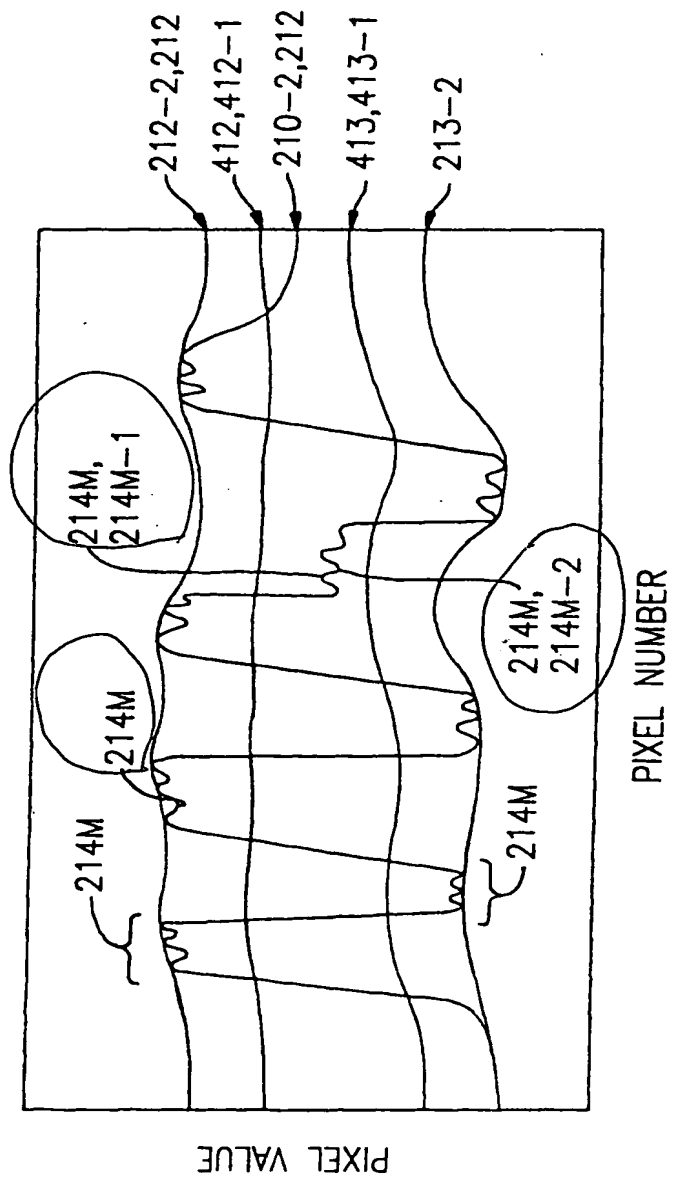


FIG. 8a